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SUBJECT

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM F.P.S. SAILI, MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN SAMOA STATING THAT HE WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON, DC IN LATE SEPTEMBER TO ATTEND IMF/IBRD MEETING SEPTEMBER 30 TO OCTOBER 4.

2. DURING VISIT OF EMBASSY/COMM COUNSELOR TO WESTERN SAMOA MR. SAILI TOLD HIM HE HOPED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH DIFFERENT OFFICERS OF US GOVERNMENT IN HIS FIELDS OF RESPONSIBILITY DURING HIS STAY IN WASHINGTON. THIS WOULD PRESUMABLY INCLUDE OFFICERS IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, TREASURY, AND INTERIOR (TO DISCUSS WESTERN SAMOA'S ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH AMERICAN SAMOA) AND POSSIBLY THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. MR. SAILI HAS SAID HE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SUCH MEETINGS FROM OCTOBER 2 ON.

3. MR. SAILI IS VERY INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING INTER-ALIA TOURISM FOR WESTERN SAMOA. THIS INVOLVES, IN UNCLASSIFIED

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ADDITION TO ERECTION OF TOURIST HOTEL COMPLEXES LOCATED

AT DIFFERENT POINTS ON WESTERN SAMOA'S TWO MAIN ISLANDS,
EXTENDING FALEOLO AIRPORT TO ACCOMMODATE LARGE SIZE JET
AIRCRAFT OPERATING INTERNATIONAL SERVICE.

4. MR. SAILI IS PERHAPS THE LEADING CABINET MEMBER
OF THE WESTERN SAMOAN GOVERNMENT. HE IS ALERT, IMAGINA-
TIVE AND LIKES TO GET THINGS DONE. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES
MR. SAILI'S PRESENCE IN WASHINGTON WOULD PROVIDE AN
EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR ANY DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC
MATTERS WHICH THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO TAKE UP WITH
THE GWS.

5. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED OF
WHATEVER SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS IS SET UP FOR MR. SAILI
SO IT CAN IN TURN INFORM HIM BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FROM
WESTERN SAMOA IN MID SEPTEMBER.
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